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September 9th, 1959

Allen Dulles, Chief
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

In the "Cold War" Russia has the advantage in that she can trust that our country will not pull a surprise attack.

In forty years, paralleling the Russian development by suppressing human rights and emphasizing the machine and technology, Red China too can have the industrial base, the war machine, and the H-bomb. Will Russian leaders then sleep peacefully at night? How can they trust Red China when trust is not in their book? I think the Russians should see in Red China a potential war machine that will make their hair stand on end.

Acting now before such a development takes place, Russia and the U.S. acting in concert through the U.N. could probably wield enough influence to secure an effective world wide nuclear disarmament. Later when other countries have nuclear weapons such agreement may be impossible.

I have not seen this aspect of the question debated in the sources I read and wonder if such discussion could be stimulated in our press, perhaps ultimately to reach the minds of the Russian leaders (or even discussed directly with them) so as to obtain a more reasonable stand.

Sincerely,

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Dr. James G. Murphy

Dear Dr. Murphy:

Your letter of 9 September 1959 has been received, and read with interest.

As you have no doubt read, the Steering Committee of the United Nations has listed the question of disamment as one of the items to be considered at the Fourteenth General Assembly now in session.

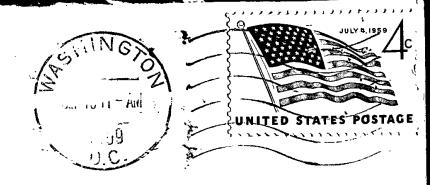
There is a growing recognition of the problems with respect to Red China posed by your letter. In this connection, I presume you saw Mr. Harrison Seliabury's article on the front page of the 11 September issue of the New York Times.

Sincerely,

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Allen W. Dulles Director

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